

2014 WARRANT



TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, the eleventh of March 2014 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

Article 1

Selectman for 3 years: (One seat)

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: (One seat)

Fire Ward for 3 years: (Two seats)

Library Trustee for 3 years: (Three seats)

Library Trustee for 1 year: (One seat)

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: (One seat)

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget** not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$\$\$**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$\$\$** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles. **(Majority Vote Required)**

Explanation for Article 6: The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation of Article 7: Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle and the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$100,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation for Article 8: The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back up and to plow snow.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation for Article 9: This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of continuing **improvements on Old Coach Road**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2014, whichever comes first. ***Possibly funded by fund balance***

Explanation for Article 10: This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue repairing Old Coach Road from the highway garage to Town Farm Road to make it safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation for Article 11: The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep, construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used for the 2016 town wide revaluation.

Explanation for Article 12: State Law requires the Town to undertake a complete revaluation or update every five years. In order to alleviate a large appropriation request of \$80,000 for the scheduled update in 2016, it is more prudent to raise funds in annual increments.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)**, to be added to the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

Explanation for Article 13:

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), to complete the paving of the Transfer Station property. To be funded by the fund balance.

Explanation for Article 14: This will not have any effect of the 2014 tax rate.

Article 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.